



WELCOME BACK

Welcome back to a brand new school year; an especially warm welcome to all our new children in Rainbow Fish and their parents. We hope you'll soon feel quite at home! Please remember that if there is anything that you are unsure about then do ask your child's teacher or any of the staff in the school office.



CLUBS

We are happy to be able to offer an after school club on every day of the week this academic year. These are as follows:

Monday: New for this year. Music and drama club. Limited places available. FREE. Full for this term but waiting list open. FREE

Tuesday: Multi Skills Sports provided by Chris Hill Sports coaches: Open to all children. £17.50 this term for 7 sessions.

Wednesday: Lego club. Open to year one and year two pupils. Full for this term but waiting list open. FREE

Thursday: Purple mash computing club: Open to pupils in year one and two. Full for this term but waiting list open. FREE

Friday: Dance provided by Chris Hill Sports coaches. Open to all children. £17.50 this term for 7 sessions.

Garden and ECO club: open to year one and year two pupils only. Limited places available. Full for this term but waiting list open. FREE



SCHOOL COUNCIL NEWS

Our new school council are about to be recruited from our year one and two classes. Half the children will be selected by the teachers and half will be elected to the role by their class. Children who want to be considered to be part of the school council will spend some time talking to their class about why they want to do the role and what they would like to achieve. Our new members will meet with Mrs Salmon next week to discuss what their role will entail and school council news and minutes of meetings will be displayed in the school entrance hall. The school council will write out to parents and carers to introduce themselves once they have been elected.



BUDDIES

We operate a playground buddy systems where volunteers from year 2 look out for children who seem to be in need of friend at playtime. All the children who volunteer wear a special buddy jacket at playtimes to identify themselves to the other children and will receive training about their role.



ALDI

We are collecting the Aldi Kit for schools stickers. Which we as a school can exchange for sports equipment.



HARVEST ASSEMBLIES

All classes will be involved in preparing and performing a year group assembly to which parents and carers are warmly invited. This year all our Harvest assemblies will be on the theme of Blue Planet. Each year the school council selects a charity to raise funds for, during our Harvest celebrations. The school council will help to choose the charity which we will be supporting this year and will send home a bit more information about the cause and how much we hope to raise. The dates for each assembly can be found at the back of this newsletter.



MEET THE TEACHER AND PARENT CONSULTATIONS

Parents of children in Year one and two have had a chance to meet their child's new teacher this week and find out more about the year group operates.

Later this term there will be an opportunity for Reception parents to meet with your child's class teacher to discuss their progress. You will receive a letter and asked for a time slot preference. We would really encourage you to come to this valuable opportunity to look at your child's work and talk about how you can best support their progress at home. If you are unable to make one of the times available, then please speak to your child's teacher who will do their best to provide you with an alternative. Parents of children in year one and two will be invited to attend a consultation evening after half term in November.

HELPING OUT

We are very lucky to have a large number of regular volunteers in school who come to listen to readers and support learning. However, from time to time there are other little tasks in and around school which it would be great to have some help with. If you have particular skill or know a grandparent who would be happy to give just a small amount of time to supporting school, we would love to hear from you. Can you sew? Help with displays, general admin, gardening. Do you have some joinery skills? Can you paint? If you would be happy to be on a directory of help so that we could call on you from time to time we would love to hear from you. Please talk to Mrs Storer in Blue Sea or drop into the school office. Just a few hours in a school year would be a big help to us.

VISITOR ASSEMBLIES

This year we are introducing a whole school assembly slot on a Tuesday. We hope to invite a variety of external visitors from the community to talk to the children about a range of issues e.g health care, different careers, different faiths and cultures, extra-curricular activities in the Buxton area. This term we are pleased to be welcoming Trinity church, Transition Buxton, Buxton football club and others. If you know of other professionals or community volunteers who you think would be useful for us to invite into school please let us know.

ATTENDANCE

The DFE expectations for attendance are 95%. This represents 9 days absence during the school year for illness or unavoidable situations. Attendance below 90% (more than 19 full school days absence over the year) is considered to be persistent absenteeism and if unauthorised has to be referred on to an educational social worker. Please remember that school cannot authorise absence for term time holidays and be aware that procedures for fining are tight. You will be issued with a fine by the local Authority if you take your children out of school for an unauthorised period of time and this includes occasions where no reason is given for absence. It is a parent's legal responsibility to ensure that their child attends school.



GOOD ATTENDANCE FOR SUCCESS
Every Minute 
in School Counts

ATTENDANCE 
MATTERS

PTA NEWS

Hello and welcome to all parents.

My name is Zoë and I am the current chair of the PTA. All 3 of my children have attended BIS and my daughter who is currently in Seahorses.

Our secretary is Rhian Hinchcliffe has a son in Seahorses and a younger daughter. Our treasurer is Rachel Mohsni has a daughter in Rainbowfish and also a younger daughter.

The rest of the PTA is made up of you; parents/carers/friends of our school. By no means do we expect anyone to commit to every meeting or help out at every event to support us, simply doing what you can really is all it takes.



The PTA runs a series of family friendly events throughout the school year to raise funds to support the school and your children. Over the last few years we have held termly discos, movie nights, Christmas and summer fayres, a zumbathon and even a Rock and Roll bingo night just for parents.

We have a closed Facebook group which is brilliant in keeping you informed of events, all you have to do is search Buxton Infants School PTA and request to join. You can also keep in touch via email – our address is buxtoninfantpta@gmail.com

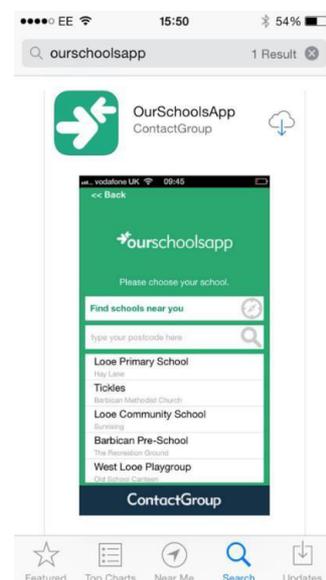
If you would like to be more involved in the PTA or have any suggestions for fundraising events, please feel free to come along to one of our meetings or use the suggestion box by the main entrance.

We hope to see lots of you at the Macmillan coffee afternoon on Friday 27th September, 2pm in the main hall. Please let us know if you can help out in anyway and of course we welcome donations of baked goodies either in the morning of the day or bring it along with you.

*Many thanks,
 Zoë Bradley*

COMMUNICATION

Our website is regularly updated with news and information about forthcoming events so do take a look. We will also ensure that any letters that are sent home are also available on our website just in case any go astray before they arrive home. If you have a smart phone please also make sure that you have downloaded our school app. We are increasingly using our school app as a main way of communicating information and provide reminders. This year there will be some information that we will ONLY put on the app or text and hard copies will only be available on request. This is in order to reduce the cost of resources and to adopt a "greener" approach to communication.



SCHOOL PHOTOS

The photographer will be in school to take photos on the morning of Tuesday Oct 1st. If you would like to have a photograph taken of your child with their siblings who do not attend school e.g have siblings of nursery or junior school age, then please let us know in the office. The photographer is available to take these photos from 8.30 onwards but places are limited.

LEARNING TOGETHER SESSIONS:

Parents and Carers are warmly welcomed to stay in their child's class after drop off every Wednesday morning. These will be reading together sessions other than Wednesday 9th October which will be a Phonics/THRASS sessions for parents (more details to follow) There will be a special reading presentation for parents whose children have just started in reception after reading together on Wednesday 2nd October. The presentation will cover how best to support your child's reading at home. More details will follow.

DATES FOR THE TERM

School Photos:

Tuesday Oct 1st

Parent Consultation evenings for Reception parents and carers.

Tuesday 15th October

Wednesday 16th October

More details to follow

Book Fair:

The book fair will be in the school hall during the week of 14th October.

Harvest Assemblies:

Year One Assembly: Tuesday 22nd October 9.10

Dolphins and Seahorses

Year Two Assembly: Wednesday 23rd October 9.10

Sharks and Starfish

Reception Assembly: Thursday 24th October 9.10

Blue Sea and Green Sea

Term dates

Term ends on Friday 25th October. The children return to school on Tuesday 4th November.

INSET Monday 4th November

